

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 09/20/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This communications is responsive to amendment filed on September 20, 2004.

Applicant adds new claims 10-12.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 16-18, filed on September 20, 2004, with respect to claims 1-9 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-9 has been withdrawn.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-12 are allowed.

2. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: Claims 1-12 are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of the said prior art which teaches a color conversion method or apparatus for converting printing image data which comprises process color image data defined by a coordinate value of a predetermined first color space, and spot color image data defined by a coordinate value of a characteristic direction, into image data defined by a coordinate value of a predetermined second color space, for a proofer for outputting a proof image in which an image obtained through printing of an image based on the printing image data in accordance with a predetermined printing condition is reproduced,

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comprising the steps of or means for synthesizing, on the colorimetry color space or the second color space, image data defined by coordinate values of the colorimetry color space or the second color space, wherein the process color image data is converted with image data defined by coordinate values of the colorimetry color space or the second color space, and wherein the spot color name is converted; and the printing image data, which comprises the process color image data defined by the coordinate value of the first color space, and the spot color image data defined by the coordinate value of the characteristic direction, is converted into the image data defined by the coordinate value of the second color space, for the proofer.

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
  - a. Gill et al (US Patent No. 6,633,666) discloses a process and system for defining and visually depicting a combination of process colors and spot colors.
  - b. Jodra et al (US Patent No. 6,607,258) teaches a proofing data file generated by target printer facility.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Madeleine AV Nguyen whose telephone number is 571 272-7466. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A Williams can be reached on 571 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madeleine AV Nguyen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Madeleine" and last name "Nguyen" being more prominent.

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